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***ADVISORY ACTION***

Continuation of 3. will not be entered because:

Applicants have amended base claim 1 to include the limitation: " under oligodendrocyte differentiation conditions of plating in a bFGF-containing medium for 2 days and then switching to a medium containing PDGF or exposure to PDGF and thyroid hormone", that constitutes subject matter not previously examined; Thus requiring new search and consideration of patentability.

Additionally, the newly introduced limitation constitutes new matter, because Example 3 of the instant specification defines conditions for astrocyte differentiation as culturing for 5 days in the presence of 10% fetal calf serum. The conditions introduced by amendment are for oligodendrocyte differentiation, whereas the base claim is directed to astrocyte restricted precursor cells that generate astrocytes but not oligodendrocytes. The specification fails to disclose the production of astrocytes under oligodendrocyte differentiationg conditions.

Continuation of 11. does not place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicants' arguments are based on the proposed amended claims. However, as these claims have not been entered, the arguments are not found to be persuasive.

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